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## HARMONY

**Yalls All Over The State  
Of Kentucky.**

**Body Believes Ben**

**John Is The Best Ever**

**Campaign Committee Named  
Next Week.**

**GOOD DOPE FROM "THE INSIDER."**

(Special Correspondence.)

Louisville, Ky., July 30.—It was good to see the members of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees at work here this week. They showed the old-time Democratic spirit—which has been missing for some time, truth to tell and more's the pity—with the latter day harmony as a leaven for the lump. We are going some with Ben Johnson as chairman of the Campaign Committee, a good Democrat and true, having the confidence of every party man in the State. He was the insider's tip a week ago. Bob Phillips landed the secretaryship of the two State committees and in all likelihood will be secretary of the Campaign Committee as well.

Here is where the spirit and harmony were shown at one and the same time. Bob had to beat George Speer for the place, and after it was over, George congratulated Bob, and Bob said a few gracious words in return. That hasn't happened in some years, so far as I can remember.

The thing to do now is to get a Campaign Committee that will be a coherent, co-operating, unifying and effective working force. A sub-committee with full power was selected to name this committee, and I have heard some pretty straight gossip as to the personnel of this committee in part. It is pretty well conceded that Judge S. W. Hager and Josh T. Griffith will be on this committee. Both men are practical and popular and are known the State over, Judge Hager as a State officer for eight years, and the recent nominee of the Democrats for Governor, and Josh Griffith as an Owensboro Democrat from skin to marrow. It is also likely that John C. C. Mayo or R. H. Van Zant will be on the committee from up State. Both men have recently taken an active part in Democratic politics in the State, and Mr. Mayo was a delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, serving on the Committee on Credentials. They are close friends, and neither will resent the election of the other. Among the other names mentioned for the places on the committee are C. C. McChord and R. C. Ford, Mr. McChord, late Railroad Commissioner, with a long experience as a campaign manager, and Mr. Ford formerly the nominee of the party for State Treasurer, I believe. There's the nucleus for a capital Campaign Committee, don't you think? The whole committee will be named in Louisville some time next week.

Here is a bit of party custom that may be news to even those politicians who keep pretty close to the conduct of party affairs: The Congressional Campaign Committees are not appointed by the regularly constituted party officials, but are named by the congressmen of each district. The names of the committeemen are sent on to the National Congressional Campaign Committee, and form a separate fighting organization. Of course war is waged with the one object of securing the election of all Democratic nominees and the Congressional committees co-operate according to the fixed policy of State Campaign Committee, using what discretion is indicated by local conditions.

The Hon. Urey Woodson, Secretary

of the Democratic National Committee, passed through Louisville yesterday, on his way to New York, where he will consult with Norman Mack, Chairman of the Committee. It has been decided that, for this campaign, Mr. Woodson will have his headquarters in Chicago, instead of in New York, as it was last year. The battle ground of the campaign will lie in the west and middle west, and it is the desire of the National Committee to have the generals near the seat of hostilities.

Henry Watterson, who was named by the Campaign Committee last week to take charge of the newspaper end of Mr. Bryan's campaign, left today for New York, where he will go over the situation with Chairman Mack. Mr. Watterson will remain in New York during the whole of August and will devote much of his attention to outlining the character of newspaper campaign to be made by the Democrats this year.

Harvey McCutchen is the avowed candidate to succeed himself as Prison commissioner. It has been known for some time that Eli Brown wanted to stay on the job, but it has been only within the last few days that Harvey has made up his mind to the same effect. Both are putting in a few licks where they will do the most good in anticipation of the time when the roundup comes.

When the two State Committees were meeting here this week I went out to The Seelbach to take a look at Ollie James. You know Ollie has grown since we last had him in our midst. He left the State a leader of Kentuckians. He came back a leader of the Nation. He bears his honors easy. With some 300 pounds of averdupois, six or eight feet of stature, and the shoulders of a Hercules, why shouldn't he? I wonder how a cabinet position would fit Ollie? You know Mr. Bryan thinks the world and all of him.

**Scott Brown May  
Enter The Race.**

**FRIENDS URGING HIM TO RUN  
FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY.**

It is rumored that Mr. Scott Brown will likely get in the race for Representative of Franklin county. A number of his friends have been urging him to run for some time, but he has not yet fully determined what he will do. His friends claim that he will make a hard fight if he decides to get in the race. They say he has always been a loyal Democrat, supporting all of the party's nominees, and that he is prominent in the American Society of Equity movement, as well as being personally popular, and for these reasons would make a formidable candidate.

**Capitol Commission Holds  
Important Meeting.**

**CONSIDERING PLANS FOR HEATING  
AND LIGHTING PLANT  
FOR NEW BUILDING.**

The State Board of Capitol Commissioners met late yesterday afternoon in the office of Governor Willson to go over plans for the power, lighting and heating plants for the new building, which were laid before it by Mr. C. E. Mathews, assistant to Architect Frank M. Andrews. Mr. Mathews has been working on these plans for some time, and has them in about shape for submission to the contractor for bids.

Architect Andrews is still working on the furniture and interior fittings, which he will soon have ready to submit to the commission. The members of that body went over, with Mr. Andrews, the plans which he has drawn, and with some minor alterations, perhaps, will accept them, and ask for bids at as early a date as possible that the work may be pushed to completion without delay.

Auditor Frank P. James has appointed his niece, Miss Virginia Terhune, of Harrodsburg, as his private secretary and stenographer. Mr. W. H. VanWinkle, of this city, who has been filling the place since Mr. James took office, has been transferred to a clerkship in the Auditor's office.

## NEW BOARD

**Named To Conduct Election  
This Fall.**

**Charles McDowell Will Again  
Act For Democrats.**

**Governor Names Shelby As  
Republican Member.**

**MEETING WILL BE CALLED SOON.**

The new State Board of Election Commissioners, which will have charge of the presidential election in Kentucky on November 6, was named yesterday afternoon by Governor Willson. Following out the recommendations of the State Committees of the two dominant parties of the State, the Governor appointed Judge Charles R. McDowell, of Danville, as the Democratic member of the commission, and John T. Shelby, of Lexington, as the Republican member. Judge McDowell has served for several terms as Election Commissioner and has given eminent satisfaction to Democrats and Republicans alike. Mr. Shelby is one of the most prominent lawyers in the State.

Clerk of the Court of Appeals Napier Adams, is, by virtue of his office Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. As Mr. Adams is a Republican, the complexion of the Board becomes of that political faith this year, the first time since the creation of the State Election Commission.

A meeting will soon be called by Chairman Adams and arrangements begun for the appointment of the County Commissioners to supervise the election over the State.

The Board will select a Republican and a Democrat from lists submitted by the two parties, and the sheriffs of the counties will act as the third member of the county boards.

**A New System  
Of Accounting**

**WILL BE PRESENTED TO STATE  
RAILROAD COMMISSION AT  
NEXT MEETING.**

Rate Clerk Roy Wilhoit, of the State Railroad Commission, has just completed a report which will be submitted to the commission at its next meeting, in which he says that the adoption of the new system of accounting, as provided by the Interstate Commerce Commission, would work a particular hardship upon the steam carriers in this State. Mr. Wilhoit was directed by the commission to make a study of all accounting systems in order that the commission may take up, as soon as possible, the railroad forms for the annual reports, which must be made to the commission before Sept. 1. Upon these reports the commission will make its annual assessment of the roads.

Mr. Wilhoit has been in communication with the Interstate Commerce Commission, with a view of having eliminated certain portions of the carriers' annual report. Wilhoit's form, as made up, eliminates certain unimportant features of the old report, and adds new points suggested by the Interstate Commission. He says that this will afford the carriers relief in securing information and will gradually introduce them to the new system, as drawn by the commission. Before the new system recommended by him is adopted by the Kentucky Commission, Mr. Wilhoit will go to Washington to familiarize himself with the new forms in the office of the Chief Statistician and Accountant of the Interstate Commission.

**Slick Citizen Arrested  
In Cincinnati.**

**PICKPOCKET WHO ROBBED GOV-  
ERNOR BRADLEY WHILE MAK-  
ING AUGUSTAL ADDRESS.**

Strolling in the crowd on Fourth street, near Walnut, in Cincinnati, after the parade Tuesday afternoon, Detectives Crim and Kuhfers came across the notorious James Kelly, of Indianapolis, a pickpocket who is known to the police of nearly every city in the country, and who picked the pocket of ex-Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, when the latter was making his inaugural speech on the platform erected in front of the old State Capitol.

"Why, hello, Jim," said Crim, as he gave Kelly a tenacious sort of handshake. "Welcome to our city. Did you come to pick Taft's pocket like you did Governor Bradley's?"

Kelly only grinned in a sheepish way and walked quietly up to police headquarters with the detectives, where he was locked up on suspicion. Kelly had had bad luck during the past few days. "Leathers" were found on him, and he had very little money. Kelly has been or more aliases, being known under the names of Callahan, Morgan, Monahan, John Kelly, John Kelley, James Carney and James Kerney, in different cities. He has served time in Frankfort prison, the Ohio penitentiary and the workhouses in New Orleans, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo and St. Louis. At the time of Governor Bradley's inauguration, Kelly picked the Governor's pockets as he was delivering his speech from the stand. Kelly was arrested with other crooks at the time and lined up for identification. He managed to get on the end of the line and when a crowd of people who had been robbed came into the room to identify them, Kelly slipped out from the line and mingled with the party of victims. He made his escape in this way. A week or so later he was arrested in Cincinnati by Detective Crim and was sent back to Frankfort, where he received a four years' sentence.

**Potato Crop Sells  
At a Good Price.**

Mr. Frank M. McKee, who owns Forrest Home Farm, in Woodford county, and who this season cut out his tobacco crop and in its place planted sixty acres of potatoes, which will average one hundred and forty bushels to the acre. Mr. McKee on Monday sold his entire yield to a wholesale produce firm at Nashville, Tenn., at seventy cents per bushel and has begun delivering.

Corn prospects indicate that it will be the only money crop this year for the price is now high and dealers expect it to continue so, and even to go higher.

Home grown tomatoes are extra good just now; all garden truck seems nice, and fruits will be in abundance. The melons needed the rain and look fairly well just now.

Many vineyards are in flourishing condition, while other vines show an imperfect growth. The farmers have been cutting oats all week, with such a poor result that most of it will be saved in the sheaf, and little threshing will be done.

## WINE SET

**USED BY KING EDWARD OF ENGLAND OWNED BY FORMER  
FRANKFORT MAN.**

The Rev. Alexander C. Hensley, rector of St. John's Episcopal church of Versailles, has in his possession a set of wine glasses and finger bowls which were owned and used by King Edward, of Great Britain, when, as the Prince of Wales, he spent a winter during the '60s in Montreal. When the prince closed his home in Montreal, his effects were sold, and part of them were purchased by Mr. Hensley's uncle, Judge Torrance, of Montreal. The glassware came into Mr. Hensley's possession after the death of his aunt, Mrs. Laura Torrance. Each piece is marked with the crest and motto of the Prince of Wales.

## BRYAN

**Discusses Platform Of The  
Independence Party.**

**Shows Similarity Of Planks  
Adopted At Denver.**

**Mascot Offered In Shape Of  
Mule Not Refused.**

**NO REPLY TO ROSEWATER.**

The most interesting piece of news to emanate from Fairview Thursday was a formal statement by William J. Bryan in which he discussed the platform of the Independence party, adopted at the convention at Chicago, which adjourned Wednesday, and pointed out that it contains a number of planks identical with or substantially similar to the planks of the Democratic platform. He declared that the voter, preferring the Democratic platform to the Republican platform, and yet who joins with the Independence party, merely assist the Republican party, and thus defeats the reforms in which he is interested. Mr. Bryan argues that the question is not whether one can get all the reform that he wants, but how he can get the most reform, and he asserts that the Democratic party offers the best opportunity to secure that which is obtainable at this time.

Mr. Bryan's statement was as follows:

"It contains a number of planks which are identical with or substantially similar to the planks of the Democratic platform. For instance, it demands the election of Senators by the direct vote of the people, as the Democratic platform does; its tariff plank is quite like our tariff plank; its plank on the trusts, while opposing private monopoly, is not as specific as ours; its railroad plank does not differ much from ours, its Asiatic immigration is quite similar; and its labor plank, like ours, contains a declaration in favor of trial by jury and in regard to the exemption of labor organizations from the operation of anti-trust laws.

"Like our platform, it condemns the extravagance of the Republican party, and demands greater economy. It does not advocate, however, a Department of labor, with a Secretary in the Cabinet. It does not oppose imperialism, which has been used to justify the increase in our standing army, and its plank as to publicity of campaign contributions is not nearly so strong as ours.

"The question that must confront the member of the Independence party is this: 'Will he assist in the defeat of the Democratic party, which stands for so much that he favors, merely because he cannot get all that he would like?' Either the Democratic party or the Republican party will win; and the voter who, preferring the Democratic platform to the Republican platform, joins with the Independence party merely assists the Republican party and thus defeats several of the reforms in which he is interested.

"Take, for instance, the plank in favor of the election of Senators by the vote of the people; the Democratic party has endorsed that reform in three campaigns; the Republican convention defeated the proposition by an overwhelming vote. If the Democratic party succeeds, its managers are pledged to this reform; the Republican party is not pledged to it, and the Republican candidate has gone no further than to say that he is personally inclined to it. This reform is necessary before any other reform can be secured. Is not the Independent voter justified in helping the Democratic party to secure this reform?

"So in regard to the labor questions. The Democratic party is in fa-

vor of remedies demanded by wage-earners, and a wage-earner who votes with the Independence party simply defeats the reforms in which he is interested. And the same argument might be made in regard to those who favor tariff reform, the extermination of the principle of private monopoly and the remedy of other evils which have grown up under Republican administration.

"The question is not whether one can get all the reform he wants, but how he can get the most reforms. The Democratic party offers him the best opportunity to secure that which is obtainable at this time."

Unlike his distinguished opponents, who refused to accept an elephant as a mascot, Mr. Bryan Thursday, in response to a letter from the Agricultural Society of Minnesota, telegraphed that he would be delighted to avail himself of their offer to send him an "educated mule as a mascot."

"He is said to understand the habits of the elephant," declared Mr. Bryan, with a twinkle of the eyes, "and for that reason, among others, I shall accept him."

No attempt will be made by Mr. Bryan to reply to the open letter of Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, charging a conspiracy between Mr. Bryan and his brother-in-law, State Chairman Allen, to purloin votes in Nebraska. "He simply addressed that to me to attract attention," said Mr. Bryan. "He is hardly the man to go to the Populists as guardian."

The actual preparation of the speech of acceptance was begun by Mr. Bryan Thursday. Among the notable visitors who will be present on the day of notification will be John W. Kern, of Indiana, the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Mr. Bryan will receive the Notification Committee and several distinguished guests at Fairview, where supper will be served on the lawn.

**Market Gardeners Will  
Form Association.**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
INTERESTED IN MOVEMENT.**

Plans are on foot for the organization of a Market Gardeners' Association, which, if carried out successfully, will mean much to the gardeners of the State. Lowell Roubush, one of the Farmers' Institute lecturers for this State, suggested the plan to Mr. M. C. Rankin, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the latter has already presented the matter to a number of the market gardeners of Jefferson county. Those who have been made acquainted with the plan are favorably impressed with it, and steps to effect the organization will be taken soon.

Mr. Roubush says that in Ohio the gardeners dispose of their own products through a general secretary, and in this way the commission merchant's profit is saved by the farmer. All melons, berries, etc., are graded before they are offered for sale, and each crate bears the name of the association, as well as that of the grower. As the association guarantees all products thus graded it is argued that the association is as much in the interest of the consumer as the grower.

It is believed that such an organization would stimulate the market gardeners' trade in the State, and would result in better products than have been offered on the markets heretofore.

**Bourbon County  
Presents a Candidate.**

**NEVILLE C. FISHER IN RACE FOR  
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY  
NOMINATION.**

Bourbon will have a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Scott, Bourbon, Woodford and Franklin, over which Judge Robert L. Stout now presides, in the person of Neville C. Fisher, who announced his candidacy Wednesday evening.

Mr. Fisher is a prominent lawyer of the Paris bar, and is a graduate of the Law Department of the University of Michigan.